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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS, CHEYSSON, IS SUPPORTING ZAMBIAN REQUEST TO THE EC FOR EMERGENCY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT. (SEE REFTEL.) CHEYSSON HAS REVERSED COMMISSION STAFF POSITION OPPOSING A FURTHER ALLOCATION OF LOME CONVENTION EXCEPTIONAL AID TO ZAMBIA. INSTEAD,

COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT CHEYSSON HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE NINE MEMBER STATE FOREIGN MINISTERS REPORTING ON KAUNDA'S PERSONAL REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY AID AMOUNTING TO \$200 MILLION. CHEYSSON SUGGESTS THAT THE EC PROVIDE FORTHWITH 7-8 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (\$7.7 - 8.9 MILLION) OF EXCEPTIONAL AID AND THAT THE EC TAKE UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE OTHER POSSIBLE MEASURES.

- 2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED THAT GRANTING EXCEPTIONAL AID TO ZAMBIA AGAIN THIS YEAR WILL CREATE AN AWKWARD PRECEDENT AND WILL LIKELY TRIGGER REQUESTS BY OTHER FRONT-LINE STATES FOR ADDITIONAL EC EXCEPTIONAL AID.
- 3. THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO CONTACTED UN DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL JACKSON, WHO IS COORDINATING INTERNATIONAL AID TO ZAMBIA. JACKSON REPORTEDLY IS ASKING IMF OFFICIALS FOR THEIR ASSESSMENT OF ZAMBIA'S NEEDS AND OF POSSIBLE IMF ASSISTANCE.
- 4. THESE OFFICIALS NOTE THAT CHEYSSON IS INCLINED TOWARD AN EC EMERGENCY AID PACKAGE FOR ZAMBIA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CAUSE. CHEYSSON REPORTEDLY IS ANXIOUS TO DEMONSTRATE EC SOLIDARITY WITH FRONT-LINE STATES. CHEYSSON, HOWEVER, WILL LIKELY AWAIT REACTIONS OF MEMBER STATES BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL PROPOSAL. COMMISSION OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THE FRG RECEIVED SYMPATHETICALLY KAUNDA'S AID REQUEST AND SUGGESTED THAT THE GOZ SHOULD PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH THE EC. KAUNDA WILL ALSO BE MEETING WITH FRENCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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